

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. – 30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently amended) A peptide of ~~9–11~~10-11 amino acids which comprises an amino acid sequence set forth in ~~any one of SEQ ID NOS: 6–9~~ SEQ ID NO: 8, which binds to an HLA-A24 antigen and is recognized by cytotoxic T lymphocytes.

32. (Currently amended) A peptide of ~~9–11~~10-11 amino acids which comprises an amino acid sequence wherein the amino acid residue at position 2 and/or C-terminus of an amino acid sequence set forth in ~~any one of SEQ ID NOS: 6–9~~ SEQ ID NO: 8 is substituted by an amino acid residue selected from the group consisting of the following amino acids for the position 2: tyrosine, phenylalanine, methionine and tryptophan; and selected from the group consisting of the following amino acids for the C-terminus: phenylalanine, leucine, isoleucine, tryptophan and methionine; wherein said peptide binds to an HLA-A24 antigen and is recognized by cytotoxic T lymphocytes.

33. (Currently amended) The peptide of claim 31, that consists of an amino acid sequence set forth in ~~any one of SEQ ID NOS: 6–9~~ SEQ ID NO: 8.

34. (Currently amended) The peptide according to claim 32, which consists of an amino acid sequence wherein the amino acid residue at position 2 and/or C-terminus of an amino acid sequence set forth in ~~any one of SEQ ID NOS: 6–9~~ SEQ ID NO: 8 is substituted by an amino acid residue selected from the group consisting of the following amino acids for the position 2: tyrosine, phenylalanine, methionine and tryptophan; and selected from the group consisting of the following amino acids for the C-terminus: phenylalanine, leucine, isoleucine, tryptophan and methionine.

35. (New) An epitope peptide comprising a peptide according to any one of claims 31-34.